ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

COMMISSIONERS of the COUNTY of COOS

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE,

Together with the Reports of

COUNTY TREASURER, CLERK OF COURT, SUPERINTENDENT, SHERIFF, PHYSICIAN, SOLICITOR, AND JAILOR,

FOR THE

TWELVE MONTHS ENDING

DECEMBER THIRTY-ONE,

1897.

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County Officers.

COMMISSIONERS:

AUSTIN W. MINER, Whitefield,
PERLEY KNAPP, Stewartstown,
C. E. PHILBROOK, Shelburne, P. O. Gorham.

TREASURER:

W. H. McCARTEN, Lancaster.

SOLICITOR:

HERBERT I. GOSS, Berlin.

SHERIFF:

THOMAS C. BEATTIE, Lancaster.

CLERK OF COURT:

MOSES A. HASTINGS, Lancaster.

JUDGE OF PROBATE:

ALFRED R. EVANS, Gorham.

REGISTER OF PROBATE:

BURLEIGH ROBERTS, Lancaster.

REGISTER OF DEEDS:

HENRY S. HILLIARD, Lancaster.

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY FARM:

ED FULLER, Stewartstown.

CHAPLAIN:

JOSEPH. N. WALKER, Stewartstown.

PHYSICIAN:

ARTEMAS WARD, Stewartstown.

JAILOR:

HENRY J. CUMMINGS, Lancaster.

AUDITORS:

GEO. R. EATON, Lancaster,
T. F. JOHNSON, Colebrook.

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Report of County Conventions.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

CONCORD, Jan. 13, 1897.

C. E. PHILBROOK, *Clerk of County Commissioners:*

The members of the Coos County delegation met for the organization of the county delegation in Representatives' Hall in Concord, N. H. Upon motion, Carlos P. Day of Berlin was nominated and elected as chairman. Upon motion, Frank G. McKellips of Northumberland was nominated and elected clerk of the delegation, and Frank G. McKellips was duly sworn to perform his duties by Chester B. Jordan, Justice of the Peace and Quorum throughout the state of New Hampshire. On motion, voted to adjourn subject to the call of the chairman.

A true record,

F. G. MCKELLIPS, *Clerk.*

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

CONCORD, Jan. 28, 1897.

C. E. PHILBROOK, *Clerk of County Commissioners:*

Upon call of the chairman the Coos County delegation met in Representatives' Hall at 12 m. Upon motion of Mr. Lane of Lancaster, the following committee were chosen to meet county commissioners at the county farm Friday, Feb. 5, and consult with them in regard to the appropriations for the ensuing two years—Hartford of Lancaster, Noyes of Whitefield and Twitchell of Gorham. Upon motion of Mr.

Lane of Lancaster, the convention adjourned to meet at Representatives' Hall, Concord, Feb. 3, at 10 o'clock a. m.

A true record,

F. G. McKellips, *Clerk.*

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Concord, Feb. 3, 1897.

C. E. Philbrook, *Clerk of County Commissioners:*

Agreeably to adjournment the delegation met in Representatives' Hall at 10 o'clock a. m. The chairman called the convention to order. The records of the last meeting were read and approved. The convention, upon motion of Mr. Bell of Whitefield, considered house bill No. 164, relating to the holding of two terms of the probate court at Whitefield each year. Upon motion of Noyes of Whitefield, the bill was amended by striking out the word *first* and inserting the word *second* in the fifth line of section one of said bill, so it shall read, "the second Tuesday of February and the first Tuesday of September in each year," and to recommend the passage of the bill with the above amendment. Judge of Probate A. R. Evans of Gorham was given a hearing upon house bill No. 51, in relation to the salary of certain county officers in the county of Coos. Upon motion of Mr. Gould of Colebrook, final action upon house bill No. 51 was postponed until Wednesday, Feb. 10, 1897, at 10 a. m. To which hour, upon motion of Mr. Gould of Colebrook, the convention adjourned.

A true record,

F. G. McKellips, *Clerk.*

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Concord, Feb. 10, 1897.

C. E. Philbrook, *Clerk of County Commissioners:*

The delegation met agreeably to the adjournment of Feb. 3. The chairman called to order, and house bill No.

51 was taken up for consideration, but upon motion of Mr. Day of Berlin, the bill was laid upon the table for one week to allow parties to be heard upon the same. The committee appointed January 28, to visit the county farm and confer with the county commissioners in regard to the appropriation for the next two years, reported they had attended to that duty, and Mr. Chas. F. Noyes of Whitefield, chairman of the committee, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars ($35,000) be and hereby is appropriated annually for the years 1897 and 1898, for the current expenses of the county of Coos. And such sums as are not expended for the legitimate expenses of the county be applied on the indebtedness of the county, to reduce the county debt.

Upon motion, Burleigh Roberts of Lancaster and James H. Curtis of Northumberland were chosen county auditors for the ensuing two years.

A true record,

F. G. McKellips, *Clerk*.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Concord, Feb. 17, 1897.

C. E. Philbrook, *Clerk of County Commissioners:*

The delegation met according to adjournment in Representatives' Hall at 10 a. m. The chairman called to order, and house bill No. 51, relating to the salaries of certain Coos County officers was taken from the table. Sheriff T. C. Beattie addressed the delegation in support of the bill. Mr. Gould of Colebrook made a motion that the committee report inexpedient to legislate upon the bill. Mr. Twitchell of Gorham moved to amend by reporting in favor of increasing the salaries of the judge and register of probate and the sheriff one hundred dollars ($100) each. Upon a vote the amendment was lost. The motion of Mr. Gould of Colebrook, in-

expedient to legislate, was adopted, and the committee was authorized to so report upon the bill to the house. Upon motion, the convention adjourned subject to the call of the chairman.

A true record,

F. G. McKellips, *Clerk.*

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Concord, March 17, 1897.

C. E. Philbrook, *Clerk of County Commissioners:*

Agreeably to the call of the chairman, the delegation met in the adjutant general's office at two p. m. The chairman called to order. Upon motion of F. G. McKellips, the convention voted to authorize the county commissioners to purchase a wood lot for the use of the county farm, if, in their opinion, it would be for the best interests of the county to do so. Upon motion, adjourned subject to the call of the chairman.

A true record,

F. G. McKellips, *Clerk.*

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Concord, March 17, 1897.

C. E. Philbrook, *Esq.*, *Clerk of County Commissioners:*

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will please find the proceedings of the last meeting of the delegation, which I hope will be satisfactory to your board.

Very respectfully yours,

F. G. McKellips, *Clerk.*

Commissioners' Report.

To the Citizens of Coos County:

In compliance with the requirements of the statutes of the state, we herewith submit the annual report of your commissioners, together with the reports of the superintendent of the county farm, physician, chaplain, sheriff, jailor, county solicitor, clerk of court, county treasurer, and auditors.

The county farm during the past year, has been under the management of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Fuller, whom, the citizens may be assured, are making this home for the poor and unfortunate, as comfortable and happy as can possibly be expected. The house and all outbuildings are kept in a very clean and healthy condition.

It is our wish that more of the citizens of the county would visit the farm and judge for themselves of the condition and care of those unfortunates who are dependent upon the county's bounty.

These poor, unfortunate beings have come to look forward to Christmas as the one bright spot in their lives, and to those ladies and gentlemen who each year so kindly contribute, and by their presence make at least one day in the year a bright and happy one to them, we wish to extend our sincere thanks.

How much good might be done if each town had a committee to investigate the condition of families that are known to be poor, and by soliciting contributions, and distributing them, make many a home cheerful and happy that is otherwise desolate. Nearly everyone of means has old clothing and other necessaries that they would contribute, and this would not only help the poor and needy, but would tend to reduce the poor expense in both town and county.

There has been considerable expense in repairing roads in unorganized towns during the past year, caused by the freshet of July, which on the Pinkham road in the mountains did damage that cost $718.97. The new Dixville road cost $574.

There has also been considerable expense in repairing the jail and for boarding the large number of inmates. The bill for board paid at the October term was $1,639.98 A new boiler was put into the court house at an expense of $400, the old one having been condemned.

In the future, all pauper bills must be presented to the commissioners by the overseer of the poor or the selectmen of the several towns, and be rendered at the several terms of court in each district. The commissioners also insist that in all cases affidavits shall be taken and sent to them, and blanks will be furnished for that purpose on application.

A. W. Miner,
Perley Knapp,
C. E. Philbrook,
} *Commissioners of Coos County.*

County Farm Report.

Inventory taken by the commissioners January 1, 1898:

Live stock,	$1,925 00	
Farm produce and supplies,	1,435 00	
Farming tools,	550 00	
Miscellaneous and household articles,	3,155 00	
		$7,065 00
Inventory Jan. 1, 1897,		7,025 13
Increase,		$ 39 87

Receipts at County Farm as paid County Treas., 1897:

Produce sold and board of Tom Shea,	$92 03	
Cash, A. Beecher, keeping horse	11 42	
" Pork, salt, and flour	9 22	
" Geo. Harris for cattle	400 00	
" Dexter Coombs's board	27 30	
" D. Ettinger, keeping horse	3 00	
" P. Quimby, maple sugar	4 90	
" W. Barnett,	25 87	
" C. C. Foss, calf	5 40	
" Geo. Heath, hogs	24 00	
" A. G. Day, hogs and pasture	15 00	
" Jno. Blodgett, pasture	18 00	
" H. Savage, pasture	6 00	
" Jos. Keyser, cows	250 00	
" Geo. Harris, steers	120 00	
" J. H. O. Parker, pasture	6 00	
" J. H. Curtis, H. Rich board	147 00	
		$1,165 14

CONTRA CR.,

Gilman D. Frost for casket sent Dartmouth college	$10 50	
Town of Clarksville, Gil. Hulbert board	65 46	
Town of Stewartstown, labor on highways	195 91	
Keeping 1 drunk 1 night	1 00	
M. Goddard, boar service	1 00	
Chas. Philbrook for hogs	10 00	
		$ 283 87
		$1449 01

Miscellaneous bills as paid monthly by the treasurer for county alms house, 1897 :

Jan.	M. Loverin, dry goods	$ 30 97	
	Milliken, Tomlinson Co., groceries	22 24	
	Hyde & Southworth, groceries	19 25	
	J. M. Phillips, drugs	24 87	
	Milliken, Tomlinson Co., groceries	275 00	
	Town of Stewartstown, taxes	171 60	
	E. B. Lyman, meat	18 84	
	F. Smith & Co., grain	17 50	
	Milliken, Tomlinson Co.,	46 49	
	Albert Beecher, watchman	20 00	
	J. R. Little, oranges	35	
	" filing saw	25	
	Mrs. Warren, labor	10 00	
	Postage	30	
	J. R. Little, lemons	25	
	Russell Sisters, pins	17	
	Maine Central Railroad, freight	1 80	$659 88
Feb.	Milliken Tomlinson Co., groceries	35 27	
	J. M. Phillips, drugs, etc.	29 32	
	F. Smith & Co., grain	25 78	
	Joe A. Johnson, grain	3 00	

	Alden Farnham, groceries	2 20	
	Morrison Clothing House, clothing	5 20	
	L. W. Alger, dry goods and groceries	15 92	
	W. F. Allen, electric lights	25 34	
	C. M. Quimby, hardware	23 28	
	Conn. River Mfg. Co., butter	13 80	
	" " books	1 25	
	Ticket to Richmond, M. McGowan	3 10	
	A. Beecher, watchman	31 00	
	C. H. Lord, repairing shoes	1 75	
	Ed. Gillman, labor	17 50	
	W. J. Flanders, repairing sleigh	1 10	
	Lemons and yeast cake	30	
	Ticket to Lancaster, L. Bixby	1 60	
	M. C. R. R., freight	2 68	
	Postage	50	
	Hattie Cromwell, labor	14 00	253 89
Mar.	Milliken, Tomlinson Co., groceries	91 58	
	Frank Smith & Co., grain	28 60	
	W. F. Allen, electric light	17 67	
	Dr. Pottle, medical service	7 25	
	A. F. Cox & Son, boots and shoes	27 00	
	C. H. Green & Co., groceries	13 64	
	H. P. Goddard, meat	5 65	
	Ezra Johnson, watchman	23 09	
	A. Wesson and wife, house-keepers	102 00	
	Perley Knapp, phosphate	32 00	
	Jno. Andrews, cow	18 00	
	Abbie Banks, labor	20 00	
	Hardware	7 59	
	Frontier Gazette, stationary	2 35	
	M. C. R. R., freight	42	
	C. Philbrook car fare	3 00	
	Postage	50	
	Dr. Pottle, dentistry	1 00	

	Fare to Stratford	2 25	
	J. R. Little, lemons	30	
	Dress goods	25	
	J. R. Little, filing saw	50	
	Glasses for H. Rich	1 00	
	C. H. Lord, repairing shoes	2 25	
	Ezra Johnson, labor	10 00	417 89
Apr.	Hyde & Southworth, teas and coffees	47 36	
	W. F. Allen, electric light	18 67	
	Ezra Johnson, watchman	20 00	
	E. S. Parker, labor	11 13	
	R. H. Spencer, furniture and trimmings	82 58	
	Dr. Ward, medical service	64 50	
	Abbie Banks, labor	26 28	
	Mrs. L. Fuller, labor	42 28	
	Frank Smith & Co., grain	18.40	
	J. M. Phillips, drugs	34 90	
	M. C. R. R., freight and mileage	23 05	
	J. W. Colby, apples	5 00	
	Ticket to Berlin and car fare	3 75	
	Dehorning and pasturing cattle	3 00	
	Postage	25	
	C. H. Lord, repairing shoes	1 35	
	L. Parker, Globe	1 34	
	Hair clippers	1 75	
	W. Wentworth, paint	3 50	
	Three months' salary	187 50	596 59
May	W. F. Allen, electric light	11 67	
	E. B. Lyman, meat	22 51	
	Hyde & Southworth, groceries	15 34	
	Frank Smith & Co., grain	53 65	
	Milliken, Cousens & Short, clothing	82 92	
	Conn. Riv. Mfg. Co , grain and butter	50 01	
	Ezra Johnson, watchman	20 00	
	Chas. Martin, labor	23 87	

	Abbie Banks, "	12 00	
	Lois Fuller, "	16 00	
	M. C. R. R., freight	3 39	
	Postage	50	
	Two bush. potatoes	30	
	I. L. Guertin, labor	1 00	
	Two scrub brushes	50	
	H. Marcelle, adoption	5 00	
	E. B. Lyman, meat	34 15	
	Express	76	
	Jno. Fuller, potatoes	10 00	
	H. Blanchard, calf	10 70	
	Jas. Hall, cabbage plants	3 50	377 77
June	J. M. Phillips, drugs	18 31	
	Joe A. Johnson, ice	10 60	
	W. F. Allen, electric light	11 67	
	Edwards & Gould, meat	19 08	
	Twitchell, Champlin Co., groceries	31 42	
	Frank Smith & Co., flour	275 79	
	C. McLaughlin & Co., tea and groceries	58 55	
	Mosely & Stoddard, repairing machinery	5 00	
	Walter Johnson, labor	9 15	
	Jno. Fuller and wife, house-keeping	100 00	
	Chas. Martin, labor	20 00	
	Ezra Johnson, watchman	14 75	
	Abbie Banks, labor	14 00	
	Express	45	
	Postage	70	
	Medicines	1 00	
	Two calves of A. C. Foss	17 00	
	Boston Globe	1 04	
	Freight	25	
	Lemons	25	

	Hair pins	25	
	Lager Beer	50	
	W. J. Flanders, repairs	16 00	
	H. C. Lord, repairing shoes	2 05	
	Car fare	15 88	
	Three months salary	163 95	807 64
July	Morrison Clothing House, clothing	13 40	
	Twitchell, Champlin Co., groceries	22 85	
	Joe A. Johnson, grain	31 18	
	Milliken, Tomlinson Co., groceries	94 76	
	G. S. Blodgett & Co., stove	7 81	
	Frank Smith & Co., grain	26 70	
	Charles Martin, labor	19 23	
	Ezra Johnson, watchman	20 00	
	M. C. R. R., freight	1 39	
	W. Bunnell, chopping wood	10 00	
	Mrs. Elliott, berries	3 30	
	Darning cotton,	10	
	M. C. R. R., freight	10 66	
	Rev. J. N. Walker, services	25 00	
	Lois Fuller, labor	4 00	290 32
Aug.	Milliken, Tomlinson Co., groceries	71 96	
	Jos. A. Johnson, grain	45 75	
	G. W. Smith & Son, crackers	13 50	
	E. B. Lyman, meat	1 78	
	C. H. Green & Co., groceries	23 90	
	W. F. Allen, electric lights	11 67	
	Charles Martin, labor	15 00	
	Ezra Johnson, watchman	20 00	
	M. C. R. R., freight	2 30	
	Postage	75	
	Independent Statesman	1 25	
	Mrs. Elliott, berries	2 00	
	One cap	50	
	Mrs. Knapp, labor	5 00	215 36

Sept.	J. M. Phillips, drugs	43 00	
	Dr. F. A. Allin, services	21 25	
	Milliken, Cousins & Short, clothing	63 44	
	E. B. Lyman, meat	11 80	
	Quimby Bros., blacksmithing	40 75	
	Colebrook Hardware Co., hardware	10 90	
	Jos. A. Johnson, grain	60 25	
	Ezra Johnson, watchman	20 00	
	Gertie Stoddard, labor	12 50	
	Jno. Fuller, labor	85 00	
	Lois Fuller, labor	40 57	
	Peas	6 00	
	J. Jordan, apples	2 00	
	C. H. Lord, repairing,	75	
	M. C. R. R., freight	8 01	
	Berries,	75	
	C. Perry, labor	8 50	
	W. F. Allen, electric lights	11 67	
	Dress goods,	1 00	
	Postage	1 00	
	O. L. Fling,	5 00	
	Three months' salary	187 50	641 64
Oct.	Lois Fuller, labor	17 71	
	Gertie Stoddard, labor	11 07	
	Ezra Johnson, labor	8 00	
	E. B. Lyman, meat	18 24	
	W. F. Allen, electric light, etc.	31 09	
	Twitchell, Champlin Co., groceries	20 22	
	Milliken, Cousins & Short, clothing	89 99	
	Milliken, Tomlinson Co., groceries	95 94	
	W. Bunnell, on account labor	10 00	
	C. L. Felton, laying brick	2 50	
	Boston Globe	1 80	
	Postage	50	
	M. C. R. R., freight	3 96	

	C. H. Green, shoes	6 00	
	C. H. Lord, repairing shoes	3 20	
	A. C. Foss, calves	3 00	323 22
Nov.	Lois Fuller, labor,	17 14	
	Myrtle Stoddard, labor	8 75	
	Jno. Fuller, labor	38 00	
	Gertie Stoddard, labor	10 70	
	Mrs. H. Terrill, pasturing cattle	40 00	
	Ezra Johnson, watchman	20 00	
	E. B. Lyman, meat	20 06	
	Twitchell, Champlin Co., groceries	27 50	
	R. J. Forristall, washing machines	20 00	
	Joe A. Johnson, grain	41 25	
	W. F. Allen, electric light,	11 67	
	Milliken, Tomlinson Co.,	24 45	
	J. M. Phillips, drugs	18 45	
	W. Bunnell, account chopping	35 00	
	I. L. Guertin, repairs	2 00	
	M. C. R. R., freight	3 43	
	Buttons, hooks, eyes, and stamps	75	
	W. Burleigh	7 00	
	R. Allen	32 00	
	George Heath	5 00	
	O. L. Fling	10 00	
	Favereau & Perry	8 25	
	George Chamberlin, cow	15 00	
	Jesse Hunt, cows	150 00	
	Austin Hunt, cows	50 00	
	H. Piper, cows	50 00	
	Helen Blanchard, cows	100 00	
	Jos. Parsons, cow	20 50	
	Abbie Banks, labor	10 27	797 17
Dec.	L. W. Alger, shoes and butter	19 22	
	Morrison Clothing House, clothing	20 88	
	Milliken, Tomlinson Co., groceries	20 75	

Joe A. Johnson, grain	39 38	
W. Bunnell, on account	40 00	
Sumner Brown, labor	42 00	
Gertrude Stoddard, labor	11 07	
Myrtle Stoddard, labor	11 07	
Lois Fuller, labor	17 70	
Ezra Johnson, watchman	20 00	
Roberts & Quimby, stockings	1 50	
Scott Heath, scaling wood	50	
Boston Globe	1 04	
Postage	1 00	
B. Wentworth, butchering	2 00	
Jo. Smart	5 00	
W Bunnell,	5 00	
Tom Johnson,	5 00	
Ed Gillman	20 00	
Rev. J. N. Walker, services	25 00	
S. W. Burleigh,	15 00	
George Heath	15 00	
Freight and mileage	25 37	
Three months' salary	187 50	550 78
Total amount of bills paid by treasurer		$5,932 15

Statement showing cost of running the farm:

EXPENDITURES.

Amt. of bills paid by county treasurer	$5,932 15	
Interest on real estate	1,000 00	
Insurance	406 00	
		$7,338 15

RECEIPTS.

Products, stock, etc. sold	$1,449 01	
Amount received account Whitney farm	550 00	
" from Amos Heath	225 00	
" " city of Berlin	35 87	
Increase of inventory	39 87	
		2,299 75
Net cost of running farm		$5,038 40

Number of weeks' board furnished inmates	3,415	
" " supt. dept.	574	
Total number weeks' board furnished		3,989
" inmates		63
" " andmitted during 1897		51
" " discharged "		44
" deaths		5

Cost per week, $1.27.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD FULLER, *Superintendent.*

Record of inmates at County Farm from Dec. 31, 1896, to Dec. 31, 1897:

NAME.	AGE.	WHERE BORN.	ADMITTED FROM.	W.	D.
Adelia Powell	49	Colebrook	Colebrook	52	2
Ruth Hayes		Pittsburg	Pittsburg	52	2
Maxfield		Italy	Colebrook	52	2
Mahala Brown	59	England	Colebrook	52	2
Susan Brown	39	Colebrook	Colebrook	52	2
Amanda Hammond	75	Canada	Stewartstown	52	2
Martha Hammond	65	Canada	Stewartstown	52	2
T. W. Davis		Canada	Stratford	52	2
Julia Cardniel	53	Canada	Lancaster	52	2
Elizabeth Wade	64	Stark	Stark	52	2
John Rines	56	Lancaster	Lancaster	52	2
Mary Robbins	95	Milan	Milan	43	0
Cela Kelley	58	Canada	Northumberland	52	2
Warren Elkins	43	Northumberland	Randolph	52	2
Horace Gotham	68	Lancaster	Lancaster	52	2
Lovica Sweet	67	Lancaster	Lancaster	52	2
James McIntire	78	Lancaster	Lancaster	52	2
Annie Kimball	25	Dalton	Dalton	52	2
Sarah Reed	62	Columbia	Lancaster	52	2
James Hughes		Carrol	Carrol	52	2
Joseph Bodett	50	Canada	Whitefield	52	2
Irving Noyce	39	Stewartstown	Stewartstown	52	2
Fred Beacon	57	Dalton	Dalton	52	2
Russell Noyce	24	Whitefield	Berlin	52	2
Arthur Sanders	28	New York	Columbia	52	2
Rheuben Mills	76	Franconia	Columbia	43	6
Henry Heath	32	Colebrook	Colebrook	52	2
Ephraim Dolloff	83	Maine	Gorham	52	2
Amelia Coburn	64	Lancaster	Lancaster	52	2
Ida Saylor	37	California	Gorham	52	2
Andy Murphy		Canada	Lancaster	52	2
Mrs. Murphy		Canada	Lancaster	52	2
Archie Castonia	16	Lancaster	Lancaster	17	1
Henry Rich	63	Vermont	Northumberland	52	2
Frank Cone	65	Columbia	Stewartstown	42	0
Susie Esters	39	Vermont	Jefferson	52	2
Samuel Craft	81	Maine	Erroll	52	2
Mrs. Craft	79	Vermout	Erroll	52	2
John Conroy	55	Canada	Lancaster	17	4
J. D. Carlton	58	Shelburn	Whitefield	52	2
Edwin Gonyer	64	Canada	Berlin	52	2
Bryant Shehe	71	Canada	Whitefield	52	2
Bell Connor	34	Whitefield	Whitefield	52	2
George Elmore		Jefferson	Jefferson	52	2
Mrs. Sousie		Canada	Colebrook	34	0
Edward Lund	48	Stark	Stark	52	2
Clinton Whiting		Lyman	Columbia	52	2
Jessie Forbes	27	Canada	Colebrook	52	2
Harry Marsells	1	Stewartstown	Stewartstown	19	2
John Wilkins			Lancaster	52	2
Hannah Kingston	34	Canada	Berlin	19	4
David Kingston	9	Canada	Berlin	19	4
Alfred Kingston	3	Berlin	Berlin	19	4
Cyntha Hardy	68	Canada	Berlin	17	0
John Lynch	43	Scotland	Jefferson	18	0

NAME.	AGE.	WHERE BORN.	ADMITTED FROM.	W.	D.
Ruerlof Loh	42	Germany	Stewartstown	19	0
Isaac Lovinto	81	Canada	Berlin	14	2
Rosie Conroy		Stewartstown	Stewartstown	51	0
Charles Philbrick	52	Maine	Whitefield	14	3
Celia Harriman	21	Northumberland	Stratford	50	0
Michael McGowan	57	Ireland	Lancaster	2	5
Andrew Fellows	39	Stewartstown	Colebrook	23	1
Dexter Coombs	42	Penobscott	Gorham	3	0
Lyman Phillips	81	Canada	Colebrook	43	0
Lewis Bixby	25	New York	Berlin	1	4
Thomas Shea	27	Manfield, P. E. I.	West Stewartstown	4	0
James Okes	23	Manchester	Groveton	1	0
John Curns	29	New Brunswick	Lancaster	18	0
Archie Buckman	13	Newport	Newport	0	1
Augusta Ganor	27	Quebec	Berlin	6	0
Jessie Ganor	11	Berlin	Berlin	6	0
Willie Ganor	10	Berlin	Berlin	6	0
Annie Ganor	8	Berlin	Berlin	6	0
Hannah Ganor	3	Berlin	Berlin	6	0
Rosie Ganor	1	Berlin	Berlin	6	0
Bessie Brown	23	Nova Scotia	Berlin	27	0
Jessie Brown		West Stewartstown	West Stewartstown	26	0
Bertha Harriman		West Stewartstown	West Stewartstown	26	4
Clark Norris	79	Vermont	Colebrook	32	0
J. D. Brown	76	North Stratford	North Stratford	34	0
Ella Rhodes	46	Lancaster	Lancaster	32	2
Sim White	15	Carroll	Carrol	1	1
Ester Forter	35	Lancaster	Northumberland	34	0
Delia Forter	15	Lancaster	Northumberland	34	0
Joseph Forter	8	Michigan	Northumberland	34	0
Edward Forter	5	Michigan	Northumberland	34	0
Matilda Forter	3	Michigan	Northumberland	34	0
Mrs. Nat. Forchett	30	Canada	Berlin	4	1
Maggie Forchett	9	Canada	Berlin	4	1
Katie Forchett	8	Canada	Berlin	4	1
Etta Forchett	6	Canada	Berlin	4	1
Mary Forchett	4	Canada	Berlin	4	1
G. H. Huntoon	70	Whitefield	Whitefield	23	0
Allie Wire	37	Whitefield	Whitefield	29	0
Joe Laroch	50	Canada	Berlin	4	0
Gilbert Hurlburt	63	Clarksville	Clarksville	23	5
Harriet Ernst	32	Sutton	So. Columbia	20	2
George Ernst	7	So. Columbia	So. Columbia	20	2
Philip Ernst	2	So. Columbia	So. Columbia	20	2
Edward Sprague	24	So. Hanson	Gorham	4	4
Fred Morgan	36	Colebrook	Berlin	19	0
Joseph Young	80	Canada	Berlin	9	4
John Lahan	54	Manchester	Newport	4	2
Arnold Chesley	20	Nova Scotia	Berlin	1	4
Norman Smith	19	Canaau	Colebrook	1	3
Artie Beacher		West Stewartstown	West Stewartstown	9	5
John O'Connor	56	Canada	Berlin	4	0
Oliver Wilkins	69	Masachusetts	North Stratford	4	0
Mrs. Fred Morgan	41	Pittsburg	Berlin	3	0

Physician's Report.

Commissioners of Coos County:

At the close of the year it becomes my duty to report to you the vital statistics of the alms house. There have been during the year five deaths, viz:

Mar.	2	Dexter Coombs,	aged 42	spinal sclerosis
May	23	John Conroy,	" 54	pneumonia
May	10	Isaac Loverinton,	" 80	apoplexy
Oct.	28	Mary Robbins,	" 95	senility
Nov.	4	Reuben Mills,	" 77	heart disease

There have been four children born during the year to the following mothers:

Jan. 8, to Belle Conroy
Apr. 13, " Celia Harriman
" 15, " Bessie Brown
Oct. 26, " Ida Sayler

For the interest shown towards the unfortunate by all concerned in the care of the institution, as well as to me personally, I tender my thanks.

Respectfully yours,
ARTEMUS WARD, M. D.

Clergyman's Report.

To the Commissioners of Coos County:

I herewith submit my sixth annual report as chaplain of the Coos county farm. Services have been held bi-weekly on Sunday afternoon, and have been better attended than they have hithertofore been. This may be because the new comers appreciate the services more, and have been accustomed to attend services. The young people of the village and some of the good women have aided very much in the helpfulness of the services. My thanks are due to Mr. and

Mrs. Fuller for their co-operation; they have done much to get the inmates out and have them get the benefit of the services. A condition of general good health and contentment is apparent. The inmates have much reason for thankfulness, and to appreciate their home and surroundings.

Respectfully yours,

JOSEPH N. WALKER.

Jailor's Report.

Jailor's report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1897:

Whole number of prisoners committed during the year ending Dec. 31, 1897, 63.

Berlin,	William H. Pingree, drunk.
"	Edd. Hands, drunk.
"	William Lamont, drunk.
"	John Rogers, drunk.
"	Henry Carter, drunk.
"	Frank Anderson, drunk.
"	Edward Wheeler, drunk.
"	James Edwards, drunk.
"	Frank Tuley, drunk.
"	Edward Burke, drunk.
"	William McGraw, drunk.
"	Paddy Lawler, drunk.
"	Peter Ryan, drunk.
"	Frank Woods, drunk.
"	Frank Smith, drunk.
"	Andy McGee, drunk.
"	Floyd Randall, drunk.
"	Annie Clock, drunk.
"	Norman Decoto, drunk.
"	William Brown, assault.
Groveton	John Chang, assault.

Berlin	John McInnis, forgery.
"	Ralph W. Pendexter, hotel beat.
"	Mark Wight, larceny.
"	John McGinnis, drunk.
Gorham	John Daley, burglary.
"	Adolphus Lambert, burglary.
"	Willie McCormick, drunk, 60 days.
"	Philip O'Roark, drunk, 30 days.
"	Pat Rogers, drunk, 30 days.
"	Pat Moren, rape.
"	David Joyce, drunk, 30 days.
"	John Joyce, drunk, 30 days.
"	Frank Crompton of Shelburne, larceny.
"	James Belivean, breaking and entering.
"	Thomas Monahan, murder.
N'um'land	Scott Bess, assault.
Clarksville	Bert Perry, burglary.
Stark	Joseph Bossy, assault.
Berlin	Patrick Lyon, breaking and entering.
"	Charles Wallace, breaking and entering.
"	John Malloy, larceny.
Dalton	Fred Robarge, assault.
"	Calvin Fuller, non-payment taxes.
Jefferson	Etta M. Tuttle, assault.
"	Richard Daws, larceny.
Stark	James Walker, larceny.
"	Eugene Shaer, larceny.
Randolph	George A. Staples, manslaughter.
Lancaster	Fred H. Hopkins, larceny.
"	George Johnson, larceny.
Whitefield	Clarence H. Elliott, horse thief.
"	William E. Lane, larceny.
Lancaster	James Byrd, larceny.
"	Charles Spears, assault.
"	Fred Williams, selling liquor.
"	Ed. Amey, non-payment.

Berlin	Napoleon Larochelle, selling liquor.
"	Henry Hudson, larceny.
"	Jack Magins, drunk.
"	Nettie Bubier.
"	Onisime Gosselin, assault.
"	William Worth, horse stealing.

Total number of weeks' board furnished for 1897, 606 3-7.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY J. CUMMINGS, *Jailor.*

Clerk of Court's Report.

Coos County in account with M. A. Hastings, Dr.

Feb. T. 1897.

To services as allowed by court	$287 50	
four days' attendance	20 00	
paid tor this term's docket	63 00	
" one-half printing case, Currier v. Thompson,	3 75	
" sundry items of stationery, etc.	9 55	
		$ 383 80
CONTRA, CR.		
By 47 new entries	$ 42 30	
13 dockets sold	13 00	
		$ 55 30
		$328 50

Apr. T. 1896.

To services as allowed by court	$ 287 50	
10 days' attendance	30 00	
paid for this term's docket	92 22	
" W. H. Campbell for boxes	20 52	
" sundry items, stationery, etc.	14 50	
" J. D. Bridge for order books	3 75	
		$ 448 49

CONTRA, CR.

By 135 new entries	$121 50	
22 dockets sold	22 00	
	———	$ 143 50
		$ 304 99

Sept. T. 1897.

To services as allowed by court	$287 50	
two days' attendance	10 00	
paid for this term's docket	53 95	
" G. H. Colby's bill for stationery, etc.	24 80	
" for June law term docket	4 00	
" D. C. Aaron for pens	3 00	
" sundry items, stationery, etc.	12 85	
	———	$ 396 10

CONTRA, CR.

By 44 new entries	$39 60	
13 dockets sold	13 00	
	———	$ 52 60
		$343 50

Oct. T. 1897.

To services as allowed by court	$287 50	
15 days attendance	45 00	
paid for this term's docket	88 48	
" Benjamin D. Benson & Son for paper	11 25	
" sundry items, stationary, etc.	14 75	
	———	$ 446 98

CONTRA, CR.

By 158 new entries	$142 20	
one jury fee	5 00	
20 dockets sold	20 00	
	———	$ 167 20
		$ 279 78

M. A. HASTINGS, *Clerk.*

Sheriff's Report.

From January 1st, 1897 to January 1898.

February Term, 1897.

To paid Chaplain Gleason	$ 2 00		
" Messenger Gleason 4 days	6 00		
" L. F. Follansby, D. S., 2 days	5 00		
" " 44 miles travel	5 28		
" H. M. Leavitt, D. S., 3 days	7 50		
" H. F. Jacobs D. S., 3 days	7 50		
" Myself as Sheriff, 3 days	9 00		
" " 35 miles travel	4 20		
" " six months salary	100 00		
" " committing Wm. Worth	36 50		
		$182 98	

Received order on treasurer to bal.

April Term, 1897.

To paid Rev. Mr. Danforth, chaplin	$ 2 00	
" L. F. Follansby, D. S., 3 days	7 50	
" " " 10 miles travel	1 20	
" C. S. Aldrich, D. S., 3 days	7 50	
" " " 35 miles travel	4 20	
" Myself as Sheriff 8 days	24 00	
		$46 40

Received order on treasurer to bal.

September Term, 1897.

To paid Rev. E. N. Jarret, chaplain	$ 2 00	
" Chas. Aldrich, D. S., 1 day	2 50	
" Henry F. Jacobs " 1 "	2 50	
" Ralph Gleason as messenger 3 days	4 50	
" Myself as Sheriff 1 day	3 00	
" " " 35 miles travel	4 20	
" " six months' salary	100 00	
		$118 70

Received order on treasurer to bal.

October Term, 1897.

To paid Rev. Joseph Eames, chaplain	$	2 00	
" L. F. Follansby, D. S., 13 days		32 50	
" " " 10 miles travel		1 20	
" C. S. Aldrich, D. S., 6 days		15 00	
" " " 35 miles travel		4 20	
" H. F. Jacobs, D. S., 4 days.		10 00	
" " " 35 miles travel		4 20	
" C. G. Hamlin, D. S., 10 days		25 00	
" " " 40 miles travel		4 80	
" F. N. Wheeler, D. S., 12 days		30 00	
" " " 35 miles travel		4 20	
" Myself as Sheriff 13 days		39 00	
" Expenses Littleton and So. Lancaster		4 50	
" L. B. Whipp supper for jury		6 00	
" Thos. Howard for conveying prisoners		2 00	
" Committing Mark Wight		31 80	
" " James Byrd		28 40	
" " Frank Crompton		28 40	
" " John Daley		28 40	
" " Adolphus Lambert		28 40	
" " Wm. E. Lane		28 40	
" " Burt Perry		28 40	
" " Patrick Moren		28 40	
" " George Staples		28 40	
			$443 60

Respectfully submitted.

THOMAS C. BEATTIE, *Sheriff*.

Solicitor's Report.

There were 40 cases pending at the time of my last report. Since then 38 indictmennts, upon which arrests have been made, have been found by the grand jury. The new indictments are classified as follows:

Aggravated assault, 4; assaulting officer, 5; breaking jail, 1; breaking and entering in the day time, 2; burglary, 2; exposing poison, 1; keeping disorderly house, 2; larceny, 6; manslaughter, 1; rape, 1; violations of the law against the sale of spirituous liquor, 13.

The following is a roport in each case:

State v Percy Summer Club, continued
v Allen Chase, false pretenses, not to be brought forward.
v Frank Demers, receiving stolen goods, continued.
v " " " "
v " " " "
v " " " "
v " selling cigarettes to minors, "
v " " " "
v " " " "
v " " " "
v " selling lager beer, "
v " " "
v " " "
v " " "
v John W. Holmes, embezzlement, continued.
v William F. Callahan, embezzlement, continued.
v John A. Hodgdon, false pretenses, not to go forward.
v Frank Harris, Aggravated assault, *nol pros.*
v Cyril Brooks, alias Cyril Rouseau, selling drugs without license, fined $50 and costs.

State v Waldo Babson, selling drugs without license, fined $50 and costs.

v Royal W. Jordan, selling mortgaged property, *nol pros.*

v Maxwell Blanchard, common seller of spirit, fined $100 and sentenced to six months in jail, mittimus to issue on call of solicitor.

v Maxwell Blanchard, sale of spirit to Thos. Denny, fined $50 and costs.

v Maxwell Blanchard, sale of spirit to Hugh Grogan, fined $50 and costs.

v Maxwell Blanchard, keeping malt for sale, *nol pros.*

v D. J. McConnell, sale of spirit to Hugh Grogan, not to go forward.

v D. J. McConnell, sale of spirit to Arthur O'Leary, not to go forward.

v D. J. McConnell, sale of spirit to John O'Dowd, not to go forward.

v Frank Ritchie, adultery, discharged on his own recognizance.

v Telesphore Gagnon, keeping spirit for sale, fined $50 and costs.

v Telesphore Gagnon, keeping malt for sale.

v " " "

v " " "

v L. L. Jackson, sale of spirit to W. A. Johnson, continued.

v Harvey S. Goodwin, sale of spirit to Lucius Merrill, fined $50 and costs.

v Harvey S. Goodwin, sale of spirit to Peter McDonald, fined $50 and costs.

v Edward Keith, Archie McGinnis, John Monahan, and Christopher Faley, arson, *nol pros.*

v Frank H. Cross, keeping malt for sale, fined $10 and costs.

State v Frank H. Cross, keeping malt for sale, fined $10 and costs.

v Amanda and C. E. Moses, selling mortgaged property, continued.

v Sylvian Leveque and Onisime Gosselin, aggravated assault, fined $25 each and sentenced to 30 days in jail, jail sentence suspended during good behavior.

v L. N. Smith, assaulting officer, continued.

v Leonard Archer, larceny, continued.

v Norman Decoto, breaking jail, defendant dead.

v William Worth, larceny of a horse, sentenced to two years in state prison.

v Geo. A. Staples, manslaughter, 12 years in state prison.

v Frank Crompton, larceny, one year in state prison.

v Patrick Moren, rape, pleaded guilty to aggravated assault and sentenced to three years in state prison.

v Ulyse O'Clair, aggravated assault, *nol pros.*

v Mark T. Wight, larceny of a horse, sentenced to three years in state prison, but to be confined in industrial school instead if of good behavior.

v James Byrd, larceny, one year in state prison.

v Bert Perry, breaking and entering in day time, one year in state prison.

v George R. Waters, letting premises for the sale of spirit, fined $50 and costs.

v John Walsh, larcency, discharged on his own recognizance.

v George W. Jewell, disorderly house, fined and paid costs, fine remitted while out of the business and out of the state.

v David Mitchell, aggravated assault, continued.

v Angus Gillis, keeping malt for sale, fined $10 and costs.

State v E. A. McGivney, Good Govt. League of Berlin private prosecutors, keeping spirit for sale, fined $50 and costs.

v A. E. Buckley, Good Gov't League of Berlin private prosecutors, keeping spirit for sale, fined $50 and costs.

v George Stuart, Good Govt. League of Berlin private prosecutors, keeping spirit for sale, fined $50 and costs.

v Silas Hill, Good Govt. League of Berlin private prosecutors, keeping spirit for sale, fined $50 and costs.

v P. Pickford, Good Govt. League of Berlin private prosecutors, keeping spirit for sale, fined $50 and costs.

v Telesphore Gagnon, Good Govt. League of Berlin private prosecutors, keeping spirits for sale, fined $50 and costs.

v Telesphore Gagnon, Good Govt. League of Berlin private prosecutors, keeping malt for sale, fined $10 and costs.

v William Taylor, aggravated assault, fined $20 and costs.

v Phillip Leclair, assaulting officer, continued.

v Alonzo Howland, town of Lancaster private prosecutor, keeping malt for sale, second offense, fined $50 and costs.

v Alonzo Howland, town of Lancaster private prosecutor, keeping malt for sale, second offense, fined $50 and costs.

v Alonzo Howland, town of Lancaster private prosecutor, keeping malt for sale, second offense, fined $50 and costs.

v Alonzo Howland, town of Lancaster private prosecutor, keeping malt for sale, second offense, fined $50 and costs.

State v Nellie Martin, keeping disorderly house, bail forfeited, continued.

v Charles Castonia, exposing poison, continued.

v Michael Robarge, assaulting officer, fined $20 and costs.

v Fred Robarge, assaulting officer, fined $5 and costs.

v Richard Daws, breaking and entering in the day time, discharged on his own recognizance.

v John Daley, burglary, seven years in state prison.

v Adolphus Lambert, burglary, five years in state prison.

v William Lane, larceny, one year in state prison.

HERBERT I. GOSS, *County Solicitor*.

Treasurer's Report.

From January 1st, 1897 to January 1st, 1898.

Apportionment of taxes for 1897.

Berlin	$5,407 50
Carroll	917 80
Clarksville	429 95
Colebrook	2,836 05
Columbia	818 56
Dalton	520 90
Dummer	380 33
Erroll	421 70
Gorham	1,612 33
Jefferson	975 67
Lancaster	5,763 05
Milan	926 05
Northumberland	1,926 53
Pittsburg	967 40
Randolph	198 44
Shelburne	454 75
Stark	959 13
Stewartstown	1,165 84
Stratford	1,562 74
Whitefield	2,447 44
Wentworth's Location	214 98
Bean's Grant	16 54
Cambridge	380 33
Bean's Purchase	289 39
Chandler's Purchase	8 28
Crawford's "	57 88
Cutt's Grant	115 75
Dixville	363 82
Dix Grant	99 22
Erving's Grant	57 88
Gillmanton and Atkinson Academy Grant	231 52

Green's Grant	24 80
Kilkenny	214 98
Low and Burbank's Grant	132 28
Martin's Location	16 54
Millsfield	363 82
Odell	429 95
Pinkham Grant	16 54
Sargent's Purchase	479 57
Second College Grant	363 82
Success	289 39
Thomson and Messerve's Purchase	140 56
	$35,000 00

Apportionment of pauper bills from Jan. 1, 1897 to Jan. 1, 1898 :

Berlin	$2,046 99
Carroll	209 81
Clarksville	14 95
Colebrook	766 95
Columbia	538 19
Dalton	268 64
Dummer	380 89
Gorham	516 74
Jefferson	707 17
Lancaster	2,599 69
Milan	88 91
Northumberland	756 62
Pittsburg	362 00
Shelburne	18 30
Stark	409 14
Stewartstown	741 42
Stratford	697 23
Whitefield	2,081 68
	$13,205 32

RECEIPTS.

February Term.

Several towns for county tax	$5,725 28
M. A. Hastings, liquor fines and costs	485 72
F. N. Day, error in Stratford pauper bill May '96	194 52
	$6,405 52

April Term.

Several towns for county tax	$5,397 40
M. A. Hastings, liquor fines and costs	719 92
City of Berlin, for keeping prisoners at jail	175 68
Ed. Fuller, supt., money received for goods sold and boarding inmates	92 03
Wild River Lumber Co., for care of Frank Cross	15 98
Town of Northumberland, keeping prisoners at jail	23 86
A. R. Evans, for release of land to A. M. Heath	225 00
J. C. Pattee, beer fines, State v. B. E. Silver	20 00
Isaac F. Jacobs for Jared W. Butler notes	550 00
J. C. Pattee, State v. James Boyle	10 00
" State v. Lenn Boyle	1 00
	$7,230 87

September Term.

Ed. Fuller, supt., cattle sold at county farm	$ 400 00
Several towns for county tax	1,500 00
	$1,900 00

October Term.

Several towns for county tax	$20,108 81
Alfred R. Evans, State v. Napoleon Bergeron	5 00
" State v George Avery	5 00
Hook & Hodge, assessment for building Dixville road	2 55
M. A. Hastings, State v. Brooks & Babson	103 50
W. R. Brown, State v. Michael Dowd	10 00
C. S. Aldrich, State v. Irving and Ella Hicks	25 00

C. E. Philbrook, board and key fee John Shang	3 86
H. J. Cummings, error in jail bill April Term	38 00
G. F. Rich, 1-2 fine act. violation fish and game laws	23 00
J. J. Flaherty, State v. Charles La Travers	1 00
" State v. Edw. Britt	1 00
" State v. Jos. McDonald	5 00
" State v. Patrick Lydon	10 00
Ed. Fuller, supt., stock, etc. sold at county farm	437 14
City of Berlin, keeping prisoners at jail	324 53
Perley Knapp, amt. collected of Anthony Hanson	32 25
City of Berlin, acct. inmates at county farm	35 87
M. A. Hastings, money rec'd of F. N. Wheeler fines and costs collected by him	525 42
Ed. Fuller, supt., cattle, etc. sold at county farm	519 84
	$22,216 77
Total receipts	$37,753 16

EXPENDITURES.

February Term.

Geo. W. Allen, services as auditor	$ 22 00
William Barnett, expenses at county farm	100 00
Lancaster Water Co., water rent and repairs	21 25
W. F. Allen, lumber at county farm	3 53
Frank Smith & Co., furnishings for court house	1 49
G. W. Allen, for mileage used	2 52
T. J. Smith, sled for county farm	38 00
A. E. Curtis, boarding O. P. Shattuck	15 50
Mrs. Nathan Heath, boarding T. Covill,	15 12
M. A. Hastings, referee fees	15 00
H. DeF. Hilliard, referee fees	34 35
E. V. Cobleigh, inquest of John Mullen	86 52
A. F. Rowell, printing reports	74 65
A. W. Miner, services as commissioner	238 57
" tickets for paupers	17 00
Selectmen of Columbia, pauper bill	53 02
B. A. Heath, labor for Wright family	9 00

F. H. Washburn, Pittsburg pauper bill	191 25
D. C. Remich, 1-2 fines and costs liqour cases	216 10
M. A. Hastings, referee fees	26 10
W. H. McCarten, treas., Jan. county farm bills	659 88
H. I. Goss, services as solicitor	100 00
H. E. Richardson, care of Edw. Phillips	67 50
Fletcher Ladd, referee fees	17 20
Perley Knapp, services as commissioner	156 00
J. H. Moore, furnishings for court house	6 30
Daniel Heath, 451 cords of wood	180 40
M. M Willis, State v. McGonne	18 22
C. E. Philbrook, services as commissioner	175 36
M. A. Hastings, bill for February term	328 50
J. C. Pattee, Stratford pauper bill	26 98
M. A. Hastings, referee fee	30 00
" "	30 00
Colebrook Hardware Co., tools for county farm	82 50
Treas. of Colebrook, medical aid	20 00
W. E. & J. W. Drew, electric light	5 00
" "	5 00
Treas. of Colebrook, pauper bill	95 00
" "	510 01
M. A. Hastings, referee fee	27 20
Town of Stewartstown, pauper bill	336 97
E. C. Amey, pay roll	7 18
Berlin Independent, advertising	4 50
M. A. Hastings, amt. paid J. H. Moore	41 66
Petit jury pay roll	198 08
Grand jury pay roll	85 08
H. M. Leavitt, wood for Colebrook court house	11 60
Wesley Wentworth, goods for Sweet family	10 00
Town of Clarksville	28 00
J. B. Erskine, medical services	$ 20 00
C. S. Aldrich, medicine for Hurd family	30 50
Mary A. Covell, boarding Cates child	29 05
Mrs. Daniel Day " Milt Covell	15 12

Geo. T. Bishop " Johnson child	24 23
Levi Brooks " Harry Moulton	30 00
W. H. McCarten, Teas., Feb. county farm bills	233 25
F. N. Wheeler, State v. Larochelle	31 00
W. H. McCarten coal for jail	73 84
Sylvian Levecque, pay-roll	34 15
Claude Scribner "	31 75
Archie Bennett "	4 84
Fredrick Bennett "	16 98
John McCarty "	25 90
Willis Cunnigham "	20 84
George M. Stevens & Son, insurance	17 50
M. A. Hastings, referee fee	10 00
A. W. Miner, expenses of A. Brooks	22 25
Fielding Smith, register of probate, postage	20 00
H. D. Fe. Hilliard, referee fee	10 00
M. A. Hastings, ref. fees	10 00
W. H. McCarten, Treas., for Jesse Marden	20 54
" " March County farm bill	417 86
M. A. Hastings for entry fees	7 20
Arthur Curtis, boarding O. P. Shattuck	15 50
E. C. Amey, pay roll	14 36
William Worth "	48 87
John Monahan "	86 24
Frank Richie "	29 76
H. E. Oleson, services as auditor	5 00
	$5,801 65

April Term.

T. C. Beattie, bill for Feb. Term court	182 98
W. H. McCarten, Treas., salary, postage and stationery	150 00
W. H. McCarten, care of Arthur Brooks at the Industrial school	4 50
Daniel R. Day, boarding J. Covell	14 95
Mrs. Nathan Heath boarding T. Covell	14 95

H. J. Cummings, jail bills	638 41
W. H. McCarten, care Moody Heath	36 60
C. F. Colby, medicine for jail	8 55
W. H. McCarten, care of Arthur Jordan	115 29
P. J. Noyes Mfg., Co., truss for John Mullen	5 00
H. W. Baldwin, costs in liquor cases	89 10
W. H. McCarten, Berlin county paupers	200 00
E. B. Soule, Northumberland pauper bill	289 28
R. P. Kent & Son, blankets for jail	9 00
M. A. Hastings, amt. paid J. H. Moore, janitor	20 83
I. W. Quimby, overseer, Lancaster pauper bills	1383 29
Frank Smith & Co., coal for court house	36 22
M. A. Hastings, bill for April term	99 33
Petit jury, pay roll	276 32
Onesime Gosselin, pay roll	8 07
D. C. Remick, costs and one-half fines in liquor cases	213 68
Treas. of Dalton, pauper bill	247 53
A. B. Forbush, Berlin pauper bill	1473 16
Richard Lane, Carroll pauper bill	8 71
A. F. Rowell, printing, etc.	22 75
Thompson Mfg. Co., furnishing for court house	11 87
Town treasurer of Whitefield, pauper bill	1049 22
J. C. Pattee, Stratford, pauper bill	374 91
H. I. Goss, salary to Apr. 1	100 00
H. S. Hilliard, flag staff, etc.	21 25
J. H. Dudley, telephone service	28 65
Coos County Democrat, printing, etc.	8 00
T. F. Johnson, H. S. Hale pay roll	39 60
M. A. Hastings, ref. fees	25 90
Frank Spooner, services at jail	29 75
M. A. Hastings, am't paid J. H. Moore	41 66
Treas. of Gorham, pauper bill	357 19
Perley Knapp, services as commissioner	89 94
J. H. Moore, furnishings for court house	5 30
W. H. McCarten, Treas., April bills at county farm	596 59
M. A. Hastings, his bill April term	304 99

Henry Hurd, Stewartstown pauper bill	94 82
Drew, Jordan & Buckley, legal services	15 00
Androscoggin Hospital Asso.	4 50
D. C. Remick, costs and 1-2 fines in liquor cases	32 06
C. E. Philbrook, services as commissioner	84 63
F. A. Colby estate, medical attendance P. Kelly	3 00
M. A. Hastings, ref. fee	20 00
Edward Fuller, labor and material, painting county farm buildings	233 28
N. W. Baldwin, costs and 1-2 fine on liquor cases	180 00
Treas. of Jefferson, pauper bill	42 35
W. H. Cotton, ref. fee	30 00
Treas. of Dummer, pauper bill,	9 40
Boston 5 cent Savings Bank, interest on notes to May 29, 1897	400 00
D. C. Remick, costs in liquor cases	27 73
W. H. McCarten, Treas., May bills at county farm	377 77
Geo. N. Dale, ref. fees	144 76
D. C. Remick, costs in liquor cases	71 93
Treas of Stark, pauper bills	201 83
Interest due on bonds July 1	1,000 00
M. A. Hastings referee fee	10 00
W. H. McCarten, account Berlin overseer	100 00
" expenses April Term court	46 40
" " Decoto case	16 00
" " State v. Hopkins	15 00
E. V. Cobleigh, inquest, Joe Gilbert, Joe Leavitt	79 12
M. A. Hastings, referee fee	20 00
Treasurer of Milan, pauper bill	88 91
A. E. Curtis, boarding O. P. Shattuck,	15 50
Androscoggin Hospital Asso , act. Joe Blandin	42 00
Hook & Hodge, building Dixville road	574 00
W. H. McCarten, treas., June county farm bills	807 64
George Hook, building cattle pass	25 00
Daniel Day, boarding Jane Coville	14 95
Mrs. Nathan Heath, boarding Tim Coville	14 95

George Hook, breaking roads in Dixville	28 75
C. E. Philbrook, account Glen Road	250 00
State Industrial School, account Arthur Brooks,	27 00
C. E. Philbrook, account Glen road	250 00
E. W. Smith, referee fees	104 25
C. G. Hamlin, State v. Staples	57 15
W. H. McCarten, July County farm bills	290 32
T. F. Johnson, referee fee	27 35
Chas. Hodge, breaking roads Dixville	13 75
	$14,524 42

September Term.

Geo. F. Rich, refereee fee	11 00
Petit jury pay roll	84 08
C. C. O'Brion account Jos. Cleavitt	5 00
A. R. Evans, referee fee	55 50
Geo. M. Stevens & Son, insurance	12 16
A. W. Miner, services as commissioner	152 02
W. A. Harriman, Clarksville pauper bill	14 95
M. A. Hastings, amt. paid J. H. Moore	62 49
R. E. Walker, referee fee	157 00
M. A. Hastings, amt. paid J. H. Moore	20 83
Treasurer of Columbia, pauper bill	320 21
W. T. Phillips, painting chairs at court house	7 75
M. A. Hastings, bill Sept. term	343 50
M. J. Aldrich, medicines,	42 90
F. H. Washburn, Pittsburg pauper bill	166 75
Mary Covell, acct. Amos Cates	48 30
C. E. Philbrook, expenses of Smith family	32 78
Edw. Fuller, Stewartstown pauper bill	166 65
J. M. Phillips, medicines	4 00
H. I. Goss, salary	100 00
E. A. Grover, account Nellie Johnson	25 00
M. A. Hastings, referee fee	60 00
George Hook, acct. Dixville road	74 75
H. F. Jacobs, chairs for court house	5 25

J. C. Knapp, acct. George Johnson	46 40
E. E. Young, boarding Marcell child	18 50
Ed. Fuller, expense moving paupers	66 27
H. C. Bates, ref. fee	58 17
Hubbard Placy, care of Marcell children	76 48
Petit jury pay roll	34 80
W. E. and J. W. Drew, Columbia pauper bill	27 96
Treas. of Columbia, pauper bill	107 00
C. E. Philbrook, services as commissioner	245 73
M. A. Hastings, ref. fee	10 00
W. H. McCarten, Treas., cost of boarding Arthur Brooks	19 50
Florence H. Cowan, copying testimony in Staples case	5 00
M. A. Hastings, ref. fee	15 00
W. H. McCarten, Treas., Aug. county farm bills	215 36
Ed. Fuller, expense moving Ed. Sprague and Bessie Brown	33 55
W. E. and J. W. Drew, electric lights	7 50
Cyril Brooks and Waldo Babson, pay roll	65 44
	$3,025 51

October Term.

M. A. Hastings, ref. fees	20 00
W. H. Hobbs, Carroll pauper bill	201 10
W. H. Philbrook, Dummer pauper bill	371 49
Burleigh Roberts, postage, probate office	20 00
Dan K. Day, boarding Jane Covill	14 95
Treas. of Jefferson, pauper bill	664 82
Petit jury, pay roll	8 80
Treas. of Shelburne, pauper bill	18 30
W. H. McCarten, Treas., witness fees Staples case	44 02
R. P. Kent & Son, furnishings for court-house	50 27
Patrick Judge, account John Murphy case	13 00
Isaac Glynn, coal for court house and jail	302 61
W. H. McCarten, Treas., book for Reg. Deeds' office	15 00

Perley Knapp, services as commissioner	191 25
" plank for Dixville road	11 68
H. S. Hilliard, indexing records	49 60
G. E. Demick, medical services	51 30
Frank J. Green, boarding Joe Murphy	15 00
H. F. Jacobs, acct. Cross case	5 00
E. B. Soule, Northumberland pauper bill	449 34
F. F. Reed, acct. Staples case	11 55
A. B. Forbush, services as overseer	112 50
J. C. Pattee, Stratford pauper bill	271 02
L. F. Moore, repairs at court house and jail	120 88
A. F. Rowell. printing	22 90
W. H. Leith, medical attendance at jail	5 00
Treasurer of Dalton, pauper bill	21 11
Agent G. T. Ry., ticket for Geo. Bushion	16 35
E. A. Curtis, boarding O. P. Shattuck	15 50
Thomp. Mfg. Co., repairs at court house and jail	70 88
S. M. Brown, account Staples case	3 00
Archie McGinnis, pay-roll	2 50
A. L. Sawyer, stenographer	32 25
H. DeF. Hilliard, assisting solicitor	15 00
Grand Jury, pay-roll	212 36
Lanc. Water Co., rent to Jan. 1st, 1898	20 00
W. H. McCarten, salary, postage and stationery	150 00
T. C. Beattie, sheriff bill	118 70
W. H. McCarten, Treas., Berlin pauper bill	361 33
J. H. Moore, furnishing for court house	6 04
J. H. Dudley, telephone service	28 10
Shurtleff & Sullivan, State v. McDade	3 00
C. E. Philbrook, expense of taking Arnold Chesley to insane asylum	8 65
H. B. Carpenter, services at jail	6 50
C. E. O'Hara, labor on Pinkham road	64 00
Geo. Staples, pay-roll	46 75
" "	118 00
Frank Spooner, services at jail	14 50

Treasurer of Stark, pauper bill	207 31
Levecque v. Gosselin, pay-roll	44 00
W. H. McCarten, sheriff bill October term	184 60
M. A. Hastings, bill for October term	279 78
Henry Marble, post mortem N. Decoto	15 00
H. I. Goss, salary	100 00
L. M. Weston, Decoto case	5 00
" boarding Henry Burbank	40 50
F. D. Page, Whitefield pauper bill	1,032 46
R. I. Leighton, account N. Decoto	36 40
W. H. Paine, State v. Mitchell and Staples	23 50
Petit Jury, pay-roll	818 60
C. E. Philbrook, account Glen road	154 97
Lanc. Electric Light Co., electric lights	160 94
W. H. McCarten, Treas., Sept. bills at County farm	641 64
" board and clothes for A. Jordan at N. H. asylum	109 74
H. J. Cummings, jail bill	1,639 98
Geo. Cummings, account Jos. Murphy	3 00
I. W. Quimby, Lancaster pauper bill	1,216 40
J. W. Remick, referee fee	35 50
Thomp. Mfg. Co., new boiler for court house	383 54
Geo. M. Stevens & Son, insurance	57 50
W. H. McCarten, Tr., Oct. bills at county farm	323 22
Ezra Mitchell, services at jail	32 25
" acct. Clarence Elliott	30 00
H. S. Hilliard, indexing records	48 00
W. F. Andrus, printing	1 50
Ed. Fuller, amt. paid Mrs. Ingalls for taking care of Mrs. Beecher	17 00
Lancaster Electric Co., electric lights	16 22
J. H. Dudley, insurance	66 00
T. F. Johnson, insurance	124 00
Perley Knapp, taking Norman Smith to insane asylum	20 00
K. K. Poole, Hopkins case	8 00

W. H. McCarten, Treas., Nov. bills at county farm	297 97
T. C. Beattie, for committing prisoners to state prison and industrial school	259 00
John Daley, pay roll	37 99
Frank Crompton, "	30 58
Adolphus Lambert, "	22 31
Wm. Lucas, "	18 04
Geo. F. Rich, ref fee	10 00
R. N. Chamberlin, "	22 00
Levecque & Gosselin, pay roll	12 00
Mrs. J. B. Carpenter, care of Joe Cleavitt	5 00
Dr. Dimick, medical services	18 00
T. C. Beattie, Decoto case	16 00
Elery Wheeler, acct. J. Conway	2 00
W. B. Gates, Gorham pauper bill	159 55
Geo. H. Bingham, ref. fee	12 25
N. O'Clair, pay roll	47 56
Thos. Sullivan, "	66 20
Geo. M. Stevens & Son, insurance	172 25
Geo. N. Dale. ref. fees	63 88
W. H. McCarten, Treas., Dec. bills at county farm	550 78
Pat Moran, pay roll	61 56
Augus Gillis, "	48 20
C. C Williamson, Staples case	10 00
Cummings & Co., furnishings for jail	46 00
" " court house	67 00
J. H. Bird and W. H. Knapp, pay roll	67 59
Bert Perry, "	30 32
Michael Dowd, "	43 18
Wm. Taylor, "	22 58
Interest due on bonds to Jan. 1, 1898	1,000 00
W. McCarten, Treas., miscellaneous bills and cattle bought at county farm	519 84
	$16,012 08
Total expenditures,	$39,363 66

RECAPITULATION.

TOTAL RECEIPTS.

Amt. received Feb. Term, 1897	$ 6,405 52	
" Apr. "	7,230 87	
" Sept. "	1,900 00	
" Oct. "	22,216 77	
Cash in hands of treasurer Jan. 1, 1897	9,097 30	
		$46,850 46

TOTAL EXPENDITURES.

Amt. paid out Feb. Term, 1897	$ 5,801 65	
" Apr. "	14,524 42	
" Sept. "	3,025 51	
" Oct. "	16,012 08	
Cash in hands of treasurer Jan. 1, 1898	7,486 80	
		$46,850 46

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding bonds, interest paid to Jan. 1, 1898	$50,000 00	
Outstanding notes and interest to Jan. 1, 1898	10,236 67	
Oustanding orders drawn by com'rs	667 94	
		$60,904 61

ASSETS.

Cash in hands of treasurer Jan. 1, 1898	$7,486 80	
Due for taxes unpaid 1897	9,996 64	
		$17,483 44
Amount of debt Jan. 1, 1897		$43,948 32
" " 1898		43,421 17
Debt reduced during the year of 1897		$527 15

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY OF THE COUNTY OF COOS, JANUARY, 1, 1898.

Farm buildings and fixtures at Stewartstown	$25,000 00
Personal property per inventory	7,065 00
Court house and fixtures at Lancaster	20,000 00
Jail and fixtures at Lancaster	5,000 00
Court house and fixtures at Colebrook	2,500 00
	$59,565 00

OUTSTANDING TAXES, JAN. 1, 1898.

Due from	Carroll	$ 316 70
"	Colebrook	2,836 05
"	Columbia	418 56
"	Errol	421 70
"	Lancaster	2,763 05
"	Milan	437 14
"	Stewartstown	795 09
"	Stratford	362 74
"	Whitefield	914 98
"	Bean's Grant	16 54
"	Erving's Grant	10 65
"	Kilkenny	194 82
"	Odell	257 97
"	Millsfield	250 65
		$9,996 64

Respectfully submited,

W. H. McCarten, *Treasurer.*

Lancaster, N. H., Jan. 1, 1898.

This is to certify that we have this day settled with W. H. McCarten, treasurer, and find the amount due the county from him to be $7,486 80.

A. W. MINER,
PERLEY KNAPP,
C. E. PHILBROOK, } *Commissioners of Cooos County.*

Lancaster, N. H., Jan. 1, 1898.

This is to certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts and vouchers of W. H. McCarten, treasurer, and find them correct.

GEO. R. EATON,
T. F. JOHNSON, } *Auditors.*

Auditor's Report.

To the Citizens of Coos County:

We the undersigned auditors of Coos County, hereby certify that we have carefully examined the foregoing accounts of the County Treasurer, the Superintendent of the County farm, and the County Commissioners for the past year; and find that the same have been correctly kept, that the sums expended are all properly vouched for, that the articles and goods purchased by the Superintendent of the County farm, have been purchased at the market value of the same and have been used for the benefit of the County, that the sums charged by the County Commissioners for services and expenses, are reasonable and are for services necessarily rendered, and expenses necessarily incurred for the county, and that we have no changes to recommend or reforms to suggest.

Dated at Lancaster this 11th day of January, A. D., 1898.

GEORGE R. EATON, }
T. F. JOHNSON, } County Auditors,

THE NEW LAW IN RELATION TO THE APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS.

AN ACT in relation to county auditors.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

SECTION 1. The Supreme Court, on or before the first day of April, annually, beginning with April 1897, shall appoint two Auditors, one from each of the two leading political parties, for each county of the State, who shall once in three months audit the accounts of the County Commissioners, Superintendent of the County Farm, and County Treasurer, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 24 of the Public Statutes. The auditors shall also audit once in three months the bills of the county commissioners for services and expenses, and report their findings to the court. Provided, however, that if, in the opinion of the supreme court, a semi-annual or annual audit shall be deemed sufficient in any county or counties in said state, the said court may so direct, and the auditors shall make up semi-annual or annual statements of receipts and disbursements accordingly, and the supreme court shall have authority to direct special examinations in such manner as they deem advisable, if in their judgment the same are required.

SEC. 2 The county commissoners shall file with the auditors at each audit a sworn statement of all bills outstanding.

SEC. 3. The supreme court shall fix the compensation of the auditors.

SEC. 4. The auditors shall issue for publication in any or all newspapers in the county, when requested, an itemized statement of the receipts and disbursements of the county immediately after each audit, provided, however, that such publication shall be made without compensation, and shall make an annual report of the receipts and disbursements of the county for publication in the county report, together with such recommendations as they may deem advisable.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect upon itf passage.

Approved March 25, 1897.